

WATER TECHNOLOGY & THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

Summit on Water Technology & the California Drought: Leveraging Technology to Build a Drought Resilient California

Hosted by California State Government

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**Friday, July 10, 9:00 AM to 4:45 PM, with reception to follow
CalEPA Headquarters, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95812**

8:15-9:00 AM: REGISTRATION AND TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITION

Water technologies that have been successfully deployed in California will be on display outside Byron Sher Auditorium during the daylong summit. A light breakfast will be served in the Klamath Training Room on the second floor of the CalEPA building.

9:00-10:30 AM: PLENARY SESSION ONE (Byron Sher Auditorium)

- **Welcome: Wade Crowfoot, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Office of Governor Brown**
- **Opening Remarks: Assemblymember Marc Levine, California State Assembly, Chair of Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife**
- **Water Technology in California Today**
Presenters will outline the current state of water technology and highlight where it has been successfully deployed across agricultural, urban and residential, and commercial and industrial sectors.

Moderator: John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency

- **Water Technology in Agriculture**
What technologies have been successfully deployed by California growers today and to what scale? What new and promising technologies are not yet commercialized? What challenges exist to expanding or improving technologies for agricultural irrigation?
Presenter: David Zoldoske, CSU Fresno
- **Water Technology in the Urban and Residential Sector**
What technologies have been successfully implemented by urban water agencies in California cities and towns? What new and promising technologies could be deployed in the near future?

What are the barriers to expanding and improving technologies in the urban and residential sector?

Presenter: Heather Cooley, Pacific Institute

- **Panel Discussion: Reactions to presentations and thoughts on current landscape**

What other water technologies been effectively deployed in California? Are there technologies that have been deployed outside of California that are not yet scaled up in our state? Where do the greatest opportunities exist for increased use of technology to improve California's water use?

Panelists: Charles Burt, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Alex Coate, East Bay Municipal Utility District

Jennifer West, WaterReuse California

Peter Williams, IBM

10:45-11:45 AM: DEEP-DIVE SESSION

Summit participants choose one session to attend

1. **Agricultural Water-Use Efficiency: Water Technologies to Improve Farming and Ranching (Coastal Hearing Room)**

What technologies should be introduced or scaled up in the agricultural sector? Specifically, how can we expand drip irrigation and other forms of water saving irrigation technology? To what extent can we increase broadband access to leverage wireless irrigation technology and precision agriculture? What new technologies show promise in this sector?

Facilitators: Sargeant Green, CSU Fresno

Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture

2. **Expanding Water Supplies: Water Technologies to Recycle or Desalinate Water (Sierra Hearing Room)**

Where do these technologies stand? How can they be improved or scaled up? What are the barriers to increasing water reuse and augmenting existing supplies?

Facilitators: Jeffrey Mosher, National Water Research Institute

William Steele, US Bureau of Reclamation

3. **The Water Energy Nexus: Opportunities to Improve Water and Energy Efficiency Together (Byron Sher Auditorium)**

Where are the greatest opportunities to leverage technology to decrease the embedded energy in urban and agricultural water sourcing, treatment and conveyance, and end-use? What technologies can increase the efficiency of water use for energy production? How can we support increased deployment of these technologies?

Facilitator: Catherine Sandoval, California Public Utilities Commission

Robert Weisenmiller, California Energy Commission

11:45-12:45 PM: LUNCH AND TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITION

Please join us for lunch on the second floor of the CalEPA building to further explore technologies on display. Lunch will be served in the Klamath Training Room.

12:45-2:15 PM: PLENARY SESSION TWO (Byron Sher Auditorium)

- **Opening Remarks: Senator Bob Wieckowski, California State Senate, Chair of Committee on Environmental Quality**
- **Moderator: Kamyar Guivetchi, California Department of Water Resources**
- **Achieving a Sustainable California Water Future through Innovations in Science and Technologies: Findings of a report from the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST)**

**Presenters: Jeff Dozier, UC Santa Barbara
Karl Longley, CSU Fresno**

- **Panel Discussion: Discussion of challenges and opportunities to expand water technology**
How can water technologies be prioritized and implemented? What are the current barriers to expanded deployment of successful technologies? How can the state, water agencies, and other stakeholders support further water technology deployment?

**Panelists: Don Cameron, Terranova Ranch, Inc.
Peter Gleick, Pacific Institute
Joe Grindstaff, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Tamin Pechet, Imagine H2O**

2:30-3:30 PM: DEEP-DIVE SESSION TWO

Summit participants choose one session to attend

- 4. Residential and Commercial Water-Use Efficiency: Water Technology for Water System Management and End-Use Efficiency (Byron Sher Auditorium)**
What are the most promising technologies to improve urban water system management and end-user efficiency? How can we expand and improve data for better water use? What tools and data-sharing platforms are needed to leverage water technology? What other technologies are most promising to help homes and businesses better use their water?
**Facilitators: Max Gomberg, State Water Resources Control Board
Frank Loge, UC Davis**
- 5. Fostering Innovation: Commercializing Water Technology and Economic Development Opportunities (Sierra Hearing Room)**
What are the current barriers to introducing and scaling-up new technologies? What strategies have successfully supported commercialization of water

technologies? Who implements these strategies and what role do water agencies and local and state government play in these strategies?

Facilitators: Teveia Barnes, California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank
Scott Bryan, Imagine H2O

6. Managing Natural Systems: Water Technology for Improved Watershed and Ecosystem Management (Coastal Hearing Room)

What technologies can help improve management of our ecosystems? How can we increase deployment of technology for sustainable watershed and ecosystem management?

Facilitators: Chuck Bonham, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Randy Fiorini, Delta Stewardship Council

3:45-4:45 PM: CLOSING PLENARY: DISTILLING KEY FINDINGS FROM DEEP-DIVE SESSIONS AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE (Byron Sher Auditorium)

One facilitator from each breakout session will report major “take-aways” from their session and share new ideas and emerging areas of consensus. The speaker will then highlight promising areas of focus in the coming months and years to deploy and expand water technologies.

- **Moderator: Wade Crowfoot, Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.**

4:45-7:00 PM: RECEPTION HOSTED BY IMAGINE H2O AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITON

Please join us for a post-summit reception hosted by Imagine H2O outside of Byron Sher Auditorium and further explore technologies on display on the second floor of the CalEPA building.

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